

**SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED COMPENDIUM
2012
KATMAI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE
ANIAKCHAK NATIONAL MONUMENT AND PRESERVE
ALAGNAK WILD RIVER**

We are seeking public comment on the proposed 2012 Superintendent's Compendium for Katmai, Aniakchak, and Alagnak National Park Areas. Katmai National Park and Preserve develops one compendium for three National Park Service areas managed from this office. Superintendent's Orders for the Alagnak Wild River and Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve are also applied through this document. The attached proposed compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority. After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, the following substantive changes are proposed.

2.4(a)(2)(i) Carrying, using, or possessing weapons

This section has been modified to clarify that public use cabins are not considered federal facilities where firearms are prohibited.

2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

The NPS received feedback suggesting this provision could be modified to provide the superintendent discretion to accommodate other appropriate food storage practices as well as the ability to make exceptions on a case by case basis when complying with the requirements would be overly burdensome or impossible and would not pose an undue risk of wildlife obtaining food from humans. The NPS is proposing to modify this provision to allow the superintendent to make exceptions or authorize other practices on a case by case basis.

The reasons for this change include:

- A public safety and resource conservation concern exists when wildlife obtain food from people or associate humans with any form of nutritional reward. The intent of the regulations is prevent wildlife from obtaining food from humans or associating humans with food.
- The NPS recognizes that other storage practices may be appropriate and deviations from this policy may be warranted in certain circumstances.

2.14(a)(1) Sanitation: designated areas for disposal of human waste in undeveloped areas

This section has been modified to reflect appropriate practices for disposal of human waste during winter months.

3.14(a) Conditions for removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels

This section was modified to make clear that a permit is not required for vessels that can be simply bailed out, ungrounded, or repaired safely on site by the operator if there is no potential for damage to resources.

13.40(e) Temporary closures to the taking of fish and wildlife

State of Alaska general (sport) wolf hunting and trapping seasons for Game Management Unit (GMU) 9 were extended by the Board of Game (BOG) to June 30, when wolves are denning and raising vulnerable offspring and their pelts have little to no trophy or economic value. The state changes apply to portions of Aniakchak, Katmai, and Lake Clark National Preserves.

The NPS proposes to restrict Aniakchak, Katmai, and Lake Clark Preserves to the take of wolves under the state sport hunting and trapping regulations during the timeframe wolves are denning. This change aligns hunting and trapping closure dates with the federal subsistence hunting season for GMU9, protecting wolves during vulnerable denning periods and while pelts are of poor quality. These season dates also align with neighboring GMU17b State general (sport) and GMUs 17b and 19b federal subsistence hunting seasons, simplifying enforcement in the preserve. This compendia action strikes a balance and maintains current bag limits which have not resulted in excessive harvests by the public. Trapping bag limits remain unchanged from as early as 1993.

Public meetings were held in Port Alsworth and Nondalton in December 2011 where support for this proposed restriction was unanimous. Specific concerns expressed included that taking wolves during the summer could result in harvests with no tangible purpose. This has the potential to remove wolves that can and are taken later when furs are prime, providing local people with an essential cash crop where few other economic opportunities are presented. Public meetings are planned for King Salmon and Naknek in January 2012. Additional information specifying dates, times, and locations will be announced and available at NPS headquarters in King Salmon.

Proposed language for Aniakchak, Katmai and Lake Clark Compendia:

Wolf Hunting:
Units 9

Aniakchak, Katmai and Lake Clark National Preserves	Aug. 10 – April 30	10 wolves/day
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Wolf Trapping
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Within these NPS Preserves, a person may not take a wolf by hunting between May 1 and Aug 9.

Within these NPS Preserves, a person may not take a wolf by trapping between May 1 and Sep 30.

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 13.40(e) and 13.50, the Superintendents of Aniakchak National Preserve, Katmai National Park & Preserve and Lake

Clark National Park & Preserve have determined that temporary restrictions on the take of wolves during these hunting and trapping season extensions in these preserves is necessary to protect fundamental National Park Service (NPS) values associated with wildlife inhabiting NPS lands.

The reasons for these restrictions are:

The Alaska Board of Game (BOG), the public commission empowered to establish sport (general) hunting regulations in Alaska, voted in March 2011, to extend wolf (*Canis lupus*) hunting and trapping seasons in game management units (GMUs) 9 and 10 to June 30. These season liberalizations were implemented pursuant to the state's intensive management law (Alaska Statute, 16.05.255, 1994) and submitted for expedited approval. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) issued an emergency order (EO) on April 1, 2011, to implement the extended seasons immediately, avoiding any delay to increased spring wolf harvests in 2011.

This EO followed an Intensive Management Plan(5AAC 92.125) approved by the BOG for GMU 10 to reduce wolf predation on caribou, specifically to restore the Unimak Island herd. This action was earlier blocked by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) after they determined that the implementation of the aerial wolf control component of the plan was incompatible with refuge purposes. In the justification for the EO, ADF&G tied the liberalization directly to their unsuccessful efforts to implement predator control on refuge lands.

The Alaska Board of Game adopted Intensive Management Plans to reduce wolf predation on caribou and restore the herds, but the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has deemed that the implementation of the aerial wolf control component of the plans is incompatible with refuge purposes on Unimak Island in Unit 10 and has not been approved by federal land managers in Unit 9....

In recognition of the need to reduce wolf predation on caribou in Units 9 and 10, this emergency order uses the Commissioner's authority to extend wolf hunting and trapping seasons until June 30 and eliminates the delay in the implementation of the Board's regulations (ADF&G Emergency Order, April, 2011).

Federal law provides that the fundamental purpose of national park areas is conservation of park resources and values, including the scenery, the natural and historic objects, and wildlife therein and prohibits impairment of park resources or values. Under NPS management policies, activities that may result in impairment include those that impact a "resource or value whose conservation is . . . key to the natural . . . integrity of the park or to provide opportunities for enjoyment of the park." Because the impact threshold at which impairment occurs is not readily apparent, the NPS policies require managers to avoid unacceptable impacts to park resources and values. Unacceptable impacts are those that are inconsistent with park purposes and values; diminish opportunities for current or future generations to enjoy, learn about, or be inspired by park resources or values; or those that unreasonably interfere with other appropriate uses.

In addition to above, the legislated purposes of Katmai and Lake Clark include the protection of habitat for and populations of fish and wildlife. Congress directed the NPS to manage national preserves in the same manner as national parks with the exception that sport hunting and

trapping are authorized. National park areas are closed to the taking of wildlife except as specifically authorized by Congress. Congress authorized taking of wildlife in NPS preserves for Title VIII subsistence uses, trapping, and sport hunting. The legislative history provides that “[t]he standard to be met in regulating the taking of fish and wildlife and trapping is that the preeminent natural values of the park system shall be protected in perpetuity and shall not be jeopardized by human uses. These are very special lands and this standard must be set very high: the objective for park system lands must always be to maintain the health of the ecosystem and the yield of fish and wildlife for hunting and trapping must be consistent with this requirement.” The state’s general hunting program applies in NPS preserves to the extent that it is consistent with NPS laws and regulations. The NPS may close or restrict the take of wildlife in preserves pursuant to ANILCA section 1313 and federal regulations at 36 CFR 13.50.

State justifications for these season extensions are founded on intensive management predator control objectives and create unacceptable impacts to the preserves’ purposes and values. The practice of hunting or trapping wolves into summer has long been prohibited. Consistent with sound management principles and conservation of wildlife, practices that disturb animals when they are in a vulnerable state—in their dens, when reproducing, injured, or very young—are usually avoided. Accordingly, these practices have generally been prohibited under federal subsistence and the state’s general hunting regulations.

Continuation of the natural process is expected in park areas except as specifically authorized by Congress. The take of denning wolves sanction practices that have the potential to impact the natural integrity of a native species. The practical effect of these allowances, open to all hunters and trappers, is increased efficiency for taking predator species and has potential to create pressures on the natural abundance, behavior, distribution, and ecological integrity of these native wildlife species. State laws or actions that seek to manipulate natural wildlife populations for human consumption, or have that practical effect, are inconsistent with NPS statutes, regulations, and policies and exceed Congress’s authorization of sport hunting in ANILCA.

The NPS recognizes and supports subsistence and sport hunting, and trapping. These activities are important heritage activities in NPS preserves in Alaska. However, introducing NPS preserves to these liberalized wolf harvest opportunities, to include pups, when pelts are of poor quality and offspring are vulnerable, for the purpose of reducing predator populations, are unacceptable impacts which exceed the authorization of sport hunting. This compendium provision recognizes that state and federal mandates differ in this case and adopts a federal restriction for NPS preserves to comply with federal law and policy in park areas. The NPS remains committed to managing park resources and values in a way that minimizes interference with state management of resident wildlife resources.

The reasons less restrictive measures will not be effective are as follows:

- The NPS has consulted with the State of Alaska and has requested the state exempt NPS preserves from the authorization as has been done in other cases where federal and state objectives differ (i.e., intensive management and predator control). Should the State of Alaska modify state regulations and provide an exception for NPS areas, this restriction would not be necessary to protect park resources and values and would not be

implemented. If the state authorization is unchanged, these restrictions will remain in place pending promulgation of a federal rule/regulation.

13.1204 Traditional redfish fishery: conditions established by the Superintendent

The NPS is proposing to adopt a protocol that will be used to clarify who is eligible to take redfish (spawned out sockeye salmon). The proposed protocol is for the local Native Village Councils to provide information to the NPS on an annual basis regarding those individuals that the Councils believe are eligible under the statute to take redfish. Those eligible must be a local resident of King Salmon, Naknek, or South Naknek and also a descendant of Katmai residents who lived in the Naknek Lake and River drainage.

13.1238 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated area in employee housing for picnicking

At the Lake Brooks Housing area, the outdoor propane grill between housing units BL1 and BL2 may be utilized to prepare food and food may be consumed on attached porches of BL1, BL2.

At the Brooks Camp Housing area, the outdoor propane grill adjacent to the Incinerator Building may be utilized to prepare food and food may be consumed on any porch directly attached to a cabin/tent frame.

At no time may food preparation or consumption occur in any other housing location or may food/drinks be left unattended for any length of time; even in designated locations.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

- Because of the high concentration of bears in the Brooks Camp Developed Area, it is necessary to establish limited designated areas for NPS and Brooks Lodge employees to cook food outdoors.
- The designated areas are situated in two areas that are easily monitored by employees and also enclosed by an electric fence.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- Allowing unrestricted outdoor cooking poses an unacceptable risk by attracting bears to areas that are not adequately supervised or protected which could result in bears becoming habituated to human food.

13.1240 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated equipment caches for leaving property unattended

The following provision is proposed to be clarified in response to incidents where equipment or other property (bags, packs, coolers, camping gear, etc) has been left on airplane floats or in open skiffs on the beach in the BCDA.

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Leaving property (other than motorboats and airplanes) unattended for any length of time within the BCDA is prohibited. This prohibition includes unsecured items within open and accessible areas of motorboats and airplanes.

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TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.5 Closures and public use limits

See specific sections in this document for additional information regarding visiting hours, public use limits, and closures.

1.6(f) Compilation of activities requiring a permit

- Scientific research, 1.5
- Collecting research specimens, 2.5
- Operating a power saw in developed areas, 2.12(a)(2)
- Operating a portable motor or engine in undeveloped areas, 2.12(a)(3)
- Operating a public address system, 2.(12)(a)(4)
- Air delivery, 2.17(a)(3)
- Using designated fee areas or facilities, 2.23(b)
- Noncommercial soliciting, 2.37
- Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents, or explosive materials, 2.38(a)
- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers, 2.38(b)
- Special events, 2.50(a)
- Demonstrations involving 26 or more persons, 2.51
- Sale and distribution of printed matter for First Amendment purposes by groups of 26 or more persons, 2.52
- Grazing, 2.60(a)(1), (2)
- Residing on federal lands, 2.61(a)
- Installing a monument or other commemorative installation, 2.62(a)
- Towing a person using a parasail, hanglider, or other airborne device, 3.12(b)

- Removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels, 3.14(a)
- Operating a submersible, 3.19
- Motorized use of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Road, 4.11(a)
- Use of the LakeCamp launching facilities/roadway by trailers over 50' in length, 4.11(a)
- Commercial notices or advertisements, 5.1
- Commercial operations, 5.3
- Commercial photography or filming, 5.5
- Construction or repair of any building, structure, facility, road, trail, or airstrip on federal lands, 5.7
- Mining operations (9.9(a)) or an approved Plan of Operations (in lieu of permit)
- Cabins on federal lands, 13.100-13.188
- Using aircraft access for subsistence activities in the Monument, 13.450(a), 13.450(b)(1)
- Cutting of live standing timber greater than 3 inches in diameter for non-commercial subsistence uses, 13.485(a)(1)
- Access to inholdings where access is not made by aircraft, snowmachine, motorboat or non-motorized surface transportation, 43 CFR 36.10(b)
- Salvaging, removing, possessing aircraft, 43 CFR 36.11 (f)(3)(ii)
- Helicopter landings, 43 CFR 36.11(f)(4)
- Off-road vehicle (ORV) use, 43 CFR 36.11(g)(2)
- Temporary access across federal land for survey, geophysical or exploratory work, 43 CFR 36.12(c)

PART 2. RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

2.1(a)(4) Designated areas for collection of dead wood on the ground for firewood

Dead and downed wood may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the former Katmai National Monument; however, no wood may be collected from historic structures or cabins. This would include the wood used to construct cabins or other historic structures such as caches or racks, and wooden furnishings, artifacts or other historic items.

Superseded by 13.35(c)(4), (d) and 13.485(b) in the 1980 ANILCA Preserve and Park additions.

2.1(a)(5) Designated areas and conditions for walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue

No designated areas or conditions.

2.1(b) Designated trails

No restrictions on walking or hiking.

2.1(c)(1)-(3) Designated fruits, nuts, berries, and unoccupied seashells to harvest by hand and collection restrictions

In the former Katmai National Monument, all edible fruits, berries, nuts and unoccupied

seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption.

Superseded by 13.35(c)(1) and 13.485(b) in the 1980 ANILCA Preserve and Park additions.

2.2(d) Established conditions and procedures for transporting lawfully taken wildlife through park areas

See also 13.40(d)(5).

2.2(e) Designated areas for wildlife viewing with artificial light

No areas designated for closure.

2.3(d)(2) Fresh waters designated as open to bait fishing with live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibians, nonpreserved fish eggs or fish roe

No waters are designated as open to bait fishing, except the Naknek River where bait may be used in accordance with state law pursuant to 13.1202(a).

2.3(d)(8) Designated areas open for fishing from motor road bridges and public boat docks

All areas open to fishing from motor road bridges and public boat docks except the floating bridge in the Brooks Camp Developed Area.

The floating bridge at Brooks Camp is the primary travel route between visitor services provided at Brooks Camp and the viewing platforms along the river. For the safety of visitors no fishing from the bridge will be allowed.

2.4(a)(2)(i) Carrying, using, or possessing weapons

Individuals are authorized to possess firearms in NPS areas in accordance with applicable state and federal law. With the exception of public use cabins, possession of firearms is prohibited in federally owned or leased buildings. The laws regarding discharge of firearms remain unchanged.

2.10(a) Camping: conditions and permits

Superseded in part by 13.25, 13.1222.

2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

(1) Definition: A *bear resistant container*(BRC) means an item constructed to prevent access by a bear. BRC's include—

- Items approved by the Department of Interior and Agriculture's Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (<http://www.igbconline.org/html/safety.html>);
- Any additional items listed by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation (<http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bears.containers>), with the concurrence of the Superintendent;
- Park-provided metal food lockers at some coastal campsites; and
- Items or methods approved by the Superintendent.

(2) Throughout the park, all food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish and equipment used to cook or store food must be stored in a bear resistant container (BRC) or secured—

- Within a hard sided building;
- Within lockable and hard sided section of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft;or
- By caching a minimum of 100 feet from camp and suspending at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object on a line or branch that will not support a bear's weight.
- The Superintendent may, upon request, waive or modify food storage requirements in circumstances where compliance with these requirements is not possible, overly burdensome, and is not inconsistent with public safety and wildlife conservation interests.

Note: This provision does not apply to:

- Legally taken game.
- Food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.
- The use of bait for trapping and hunting under the provisions of state and federal law.

The intent of these designations is to prevent the food conditioning of bears and other wildlife by not allowing bears to associate people with food; thus protecting wildlife and park visitors alike. We strongly recommend that dishes and cooking equipment be securely stored; but clean and odor free items are not required to be stored in secure containers. Ice chests and coolers, tents, dry bags or stuff sacks, plastic packing boxes (Totes, Action Packers, etc) and unmodified kayaks are not generally approved as BRC. The park offers bear resistant containers for temporary use to the public. The containers are free of charge and can be picked up at the park's visitor centers in King Salmon and Brooks Camp.

A written determination of need per 36 CFR § 1.5(c) is attached.

See also 13.1228 for requirements in the Brooks Camp Developed Area.

See attached Brooks Camp Developed Area Map.

2.11 Picnicking: designated areas

Superseded by 13.26.

2.13(a)(1) Fires: designated areas and conditions

Areas throughout the park are designated as open to fires with the exception of Lake Camp and the Brooks Camp Developed Area.

Fires in any location may not exceed 2 feet in diameter measured from the outside edge to outside edge and/or extend beyond the edge of established fire rings.

See also 13.1230 for Brooks Camp Developed Area, which restricts campfires to established receptacles.

2.14(a)(2) Sanitation and refuse: conditions using government receptacles

Dumping of household, commercial, or industrial refuse brought into the park is prohibited.

2.14(a)(5) Sanitation: designated areas for bathing and washing

No designated areas.

See 13.1232 for Brooks Camp Developed Area.

2.14(a)(7) Sanitation: designated areas for disposal of fish remains

There are no areas designated.

2.14(a)(9) Sanitation: designated areas for disposal of human waste in undeveloped areas

When the ground is not frozen, human feces must be either packed out or deposited in a “cathole” dug 6-8 inches deep in soil at least 100 feet from any water source, shoreline, campsite or trail. When the ground is frozen, human feces must be disposed over at least 100 feet from any water source and covered with snow or packed out.

Tissue paper and sanitary items should be buried, burned or packed out.

The intent of these conditions is to provide for healthy, sanitary and visually aesthetic environments as well as to protect natural resources.

2.14(b) Sanitation: conditions concerning disposal, carrying out of human waste

All toilet paper and other sanitary products shall be packed out as trash or burned.

2.15(a)(1) Areas designated as closed to pets

No designated closed areas under 2.15. Pets must be leashed or physically restrained at all times.

The Brooks Camp Developed Area is closed to pets (including service animals) pursuant to 13.123.

2.15(a)(3) Conditions for leaving pets unattended and tied to an object

No conditions at present.

Leaving pets unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

2.15(a)(5) Pet excrement disposal conditions

No conditions at present.

2.15(b) Conditions for using dogs in support of hunting activities

No conditions at present.

2.16 (a)-(c) Horses and pack animals

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(e).

Access for subsistence purposes under 36 CFR 13.460(a) supersedes this section.

2.17(a)(1) Aircraft operation

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(f)(1).

2.17(a)(2) Aircraft operation near docks, piers, swimming beaches and other designated areas

No areas prohibited.

2.17(c)(1) Conditions for removing downed aircraft

Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(f)(3)(ii).

2.18(c) Snowmobiles: designated areas for use

No areas designated for snowmachine use.

Superseded in part by 43 CFR 36.11(c).

Superseded by 36 CFR 13.460 for subsistence uses.

2.19(a) Winter activities on roads and in parking areas: designated areas

Roads and parking areas open to vehicle traffic in the winter are designated as open to winter activities.

2.19(b) The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices by motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited, except in designated areas or routes

No designated areas.

2.21 Smoking

All public buildings are closed to smoking unless specifically permitted and signed as a designated smoking area.

All boardwalks, platforms and viewing structures within the Brooks Camp Developed Area are closed to smoking.

Smoking is prohibited within 100 feet of the park fuel and aviation gas storage facility.

These restrictions are intended to protect public safety from fire or explosion as well as reduce user conflicts.

2.22 Property: leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours

Superseded by 13.45, 13.1208, 13.1240.

2.35(a)(3)(i) Alcoholic beverages: areas designated as closed to consumption

No areas designated as closed.

2.38(b) Fireworks: permits, designated areas, and conditions

No areas designated for use of fireworks.

2.51 First Amendment Demonstrations

All areas are designated as open to public demonstrations that involve 25 or fewer persons without a permit. Demonstrations involving twenty-six or more individuals must have a permit issued by the superintendent.

2.52 Designated areas for sale and distribution of printed matter for First Amendment purposes

All areas are designated as open to sale or distribution of printed matter by groups involving 25 or fewer persons without a permit. Printed matter is limited to message-bearing textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, and leaflets, provided that it is not solely commercial advertising. Distribution involving twenty-six or more individuals must have a permit issued by the superintendent.

2.60(a)(3) Designated areas for grazing

Grazing of pack or saddle animals by private parties, not to exceed 14 days, is authorized without a permit. Any feed brought in must be “weed-free.”

These restrictions seek to lessen the impact of extended camps on vegetation and minimize the risk of nonnative plant invasion.

2.62(b) Memorialization: designation of areas for scattering ashes

All areas are open to scattering of ashes without a permit.

PART 3. BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

3.3 Permits

No permits required at present.

3.7 Personal Flotation Devices: designated times and/or activities

No designated times or activities. PFDs must be worn in accordance with 33 CFR part 175.

3.8(a)(2) Boating, prohibited operations: designated launching areas

All areas are open to launching of boats.

3.8(a)(4) Operating a vessel in excess of designated length, width, or horsepower

No designations at present.

3.8(b)(3) Operating a vessel in excess of flat wake speed in designated areas

Designated no-wake zones are established in the following areas:

1. Naknek Lake within 200 yards of Naknek Lake beach within the Brooks Camp Developed Area, as marked by white and red No Wake buoys.

3.12(a) Water skiing: designated waters

No designated waters.

3.14(a) Conditions for removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels

A permit is required from the Superintendent before sunken, grounded, or disabled

vessels may be removed from waters within NPS administered areas except when the operator is able to remove or repair the vessel on site safely and without potential for damage to resources.

This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources and provide for public safety.

3.16 Swimming and wading: areas designated as closed

All areas are open to swimming and wading.

3.17(a) Designated swimming areas and beaches

No designated areas.

3.17(c) Use or possession of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible activities in swimming areas or beaches

No restrictions at present.

3.18(a) SCUBA and underwater diving: closures and restrictions

No closures or restrictions at present.

PART 4. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

4.10 Routes or areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use in Preserves

No designated routes or areas.

See also 43 CFR 36.11(g).

4.11(a) Load weight and size limits: permit requirements and restrictive conditions

A permit is required for the use of any passenger vehicle with an 11-foot wheel base and trailer of more than 20-feet, or vehicle/trailer combination when the vehicle has over a 12-foot wheelbase at the LakeCamp facility.

The LakeCamp access road and ramp were designed for a passenger vehicle with maximum 11-foot wheel base and trailer of no more than 20-feet. Any vehicle with a wheel base of over 12-feet will reportedly have trouble making the turn. Vehicle/trailer combinations beyond these specifications have proven to cause damage to the roadway and limit other public access while attempting to navigate the corners. Use by permit only of vehicles and/or trailers exceeding the stated measurements allow the park to control the time, place and manner of use while ensuring resource protection, personal safety, and full public access to the boat launching facility.

A permit is required for motorized use of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Road between April 1 and October 31.

The single vehicle road width, minimal visibility, limited communication and continued operation of contracted construction equipment makes private use of the road unsafe. Use

by permit only allows the park control the time, place, and manner of use while ensuring the users safety.

4.21(b)-(c) Speed limits: designation of a different speed limit

Speed limit on the Valley of 10,000 Smokes Road is 25mph unless otherwise posted.

The reduced speed limit is for public safety. Pedestrians, bicyclists and wildlife often use the roadway and visibility is limited due to road design and vegetation.

4.31 Hitchhiking: designated areas

All areas are open to hitchhiking.

PART 5. COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS

5.7 Construction of buildings, roads, trails, airstrips, or other facilities

Maintenance of established landing strips utilizing non-motorized hand tools is not considered construction or repair and no permit is required.

PART 13. ALASKA REGULATIONS

13.25(a) Temporary closures and restrictions to camping

Camping is prohibited in the core Hallo Bay Meadows as shown in Appendix C from April 1st through October 31st.

This restriction is intended to prevent conflicts with bears and visitors at prime feeding sites that attract bears and bear viewers while providing for overnight camping in the area.

A written determination of need per 36 CFR § 1.5(c) is attached.

13.25(b) Site time limits: authorization to exceed 14 day limit at one location

No general exceptions at present.

13.25(c) Designated campgrounds: restrictions, terms, and conditions

Registered campers at the Brooks Camp Campground must break-down their camp and be checked out of the campground by 12:00 noon on their final day.

The purpose of this restriction is to ensure that campsites are available at a reasonable time for arriving campers.

See also 13.1222 for Brooks Camp Developed Area.

13.26 Picnicking-areas where prohibited or otherwise restricted

No restrictions at present. See 13.1238 for restrictions in Brooks Camp Developed Area.

Picnicking is defined as the consumption or preparation of any food items (other than water). Food items include any substance intended for human consumption.

13.35(d) Collection of dead standing wood: areas designated as open and conditions for collection

No designated areas.

See 2.1(a)(4), (c)(1)-(3) for restrictions in the former Katmai National Monument.

13.35(f)(1) Natural features: size and quantity restrictions for collection

See 2.1(a)(4), (c)(1)-(3) for restrictions in the former Katmai National Monument.

13.35(f)(2) Natural features: closures or restrictions due to adverse impacts

No closures or restrictions at present.

See 2.1(a)(4), (c)(1)-(3) for restrictions in the former Katmai National Monument.

13.40(e) Temporary closures to the taking of fish and wildlife

Sport hunting is prohibited in Aniakchak National Monument. Katmai National Park is closed to all hunting. The taking of wolves is restricted as follows:

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13.45(b)(1)-(6) Exceptions to unattended or abandoned property

Superintendent authorizations for exceptions for unattended or abandoned property are made on a case by case basis. Contact park headquarters for more information.

13.45(c) Designated areas where personal property may not be left unattended for any time period, limits on amounts and types, manner in which property is stored

Leaving a boat, trailer, or vehicle unattended for more than 72 hours at the facilities associated with the LakeCamp launching ramp is prohibited without authorization from the Superintendent. Leaving a boat unattended at the LakeCamp dock is prohibited.

In addition to the places in the Brooks Camp Developed Area designated in 13.1240, personal property may be left unattended at the Brooks Lodge Office Porch.

13.50(h) Facility closures and restrictions

No restrictions at present.

13.122 Established conditions for removal of cabin for which a cabin permit has been denied, expired, or revoked

No conditions established at present (may require access permit).

13.160 Designated existing cabins, shelters or temporary facilities that may be shared for subsistence uses without a permit

No designations at present.

13.166 Established conditions and standards governing the use and construction of temporary structures and facilities for subsistence purposes, published annually

No conditions or standards established at present.

13.170 Designated cabins or other structures for general public use

Fure's Cabin at the northeast corner of the "Bay of Islands" in the north arm of Naknek Lake is designated as a public use cabin.

13.172 Established conditions and allocation system to manage the use of designated public use cabins

The following conditions apply to Fure's cabin at the northeast corner of the "Bay of Islands" in the north arm of Naknek Lake:

- Use of the cabin site for specific administrative uses shall have priority over all unreserved public use when deemed necessary by the park superintendent.
- All use will be conducted for recreational activity by reservation through the King Salmon office.
- No commercial overnight use is permitted at the cabin.
- Reservations shall be made on a first-come first-served basis beginning no earlier than January 1 of each calendar year of the intended use.
- Use will be limited to groups no larger than six and the names of all group members shall be provided at the time a reservation is requested.
- Overnight stays are limited to no more than four consecutive nights and no more than seven nights a year.
- Use of the adjacent historic tower is not permitted.
- The use of a tent within the cleared area around the cabin is prohibited.
- Alterations to the structure, marring the surface of the wood logs, framing or other components of the cabin and surrounding structures is prohibited.
- All food and personal items brought to the cabin must be removed after use.

This requirement allows for equitable public use of Fure's Cabin.

13.188(b) Established conditions for removal of temporary facility used in excess of 14 days

Individuals must remove facility, all personal property, and return the site to its natural condition.

These conditions are intended to protect the park from impacts to vegetation and soil and to ensure that personal items are not left in the park.

13.460 Closures or restrictions to the use of snowmobiles, motorboats, dog teams, and other means of surface transportation traditionally employed by local rural residents engaged in subsistence uses

All Park lands are closed to the use of ORVs. ORVs have not been determined to be “a means of surface transportation traditionally employed by local rural residents engaged in subsistence uses” in the park areas where subsistence use is allowed.

See also 36 CFR 2.16, 2.17, 2.18, 3.6, 4.10, 4.30; 43 CFR 36.11(c)-(e).

13.485(a)(1) Permit specifications for harvesting standing timber greater than 3” diameter for subsistence purposes (house logs & firewood)

Cutting of timber for subsistence or any other purpose is not authorized in Katmai National Park. In all other areas, the Superintendent may allow subsistence harvest of trees greater than 3” subject to the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the superintendent.

The above restriction serves to minimize impact to park resources, ensure that natural biodegradation processes are unimpaired, and protect against over harvest.

13.485(a)(2) Restrictions on cutting of timber less than 3" in diameter for subsistence purposes

Cutting of timber is not authorized in Katmai National Park. In all other areas, verbal or written permission from the Superintendent is required to cut live timber less than 3" in diameter, except as necessary to clear designated vehicle routes and airstrips.

The above restriction serves to minimize impact to park resources and protect against overharvest.

KATMAINATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

13.1204 Traditional redfish fishery: conditions established by the Superintendent

Seasons and methods for the take of redfish (spawned-out sockeye salmon that have no significant commercial value) under this regulation will be set by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as posted in the annual Subsistence and Personal Use Statewide Fishing Regulations booklet.

The take of redfish under this regulation is not considered subsistence use by the National Park Service. Only individuals that are local residents who are descendants of Katmai residents who lived in the Naknek Lake and river drainage are allowed to take redfish under this regulation.

The Superintendent will develop and maintain a list of individuals who are “Local residents who are descendants of Katmai residents who lived in the Naknek Lake and River Drainage...” In developing and maintaining the list the Superintendent will:

- Consult with and review records provided by June 1st each year by the Naknek Native Village Council, South Naknek Village Council and King Salmon Tribe Council.
- Consider other information and documents provided by individuals and entities relevant to where an individual’s ancestors resided and whether the individual is currently a local resident. Factors to be considered in determining whether an individual is a local resident may include, but are not limited to, the permanent address indicated on licenses issued by the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, driver's license, and tax returns, and the location of registration to vote.

13.1206 Wildlife distance conditions

There are three bear viewing structures: the platforms at the mouth of the Brooks River, the Falls and the Riffles.

The Falls and Riffles bear viewing platforms and boardwalks are closed from 10 pm to 7 am during the period June 15 through August 15. Entering or going upon these platforms and boardwalks during these hours is prohibited.

A schedule of visiting hours is required per the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Brooks River-Bear Viewing Facility. The schedule is intended to provide bears access to Brooks Falls and vicinity during the predictable period of time in which the general public is absent from viewing structures.

Within the area designated as Geographic Harbor, at the outlet of Geographic Creek, wildlife viewing within 50 yards of a bear utilizing a concentrated food source may only occur from the designated site at the outlet of Geographic Creek, under the limits of the following protocol which applies from April 1 through October 31:

1. All viewers must consistently utilize the same identified site (see Maps-C and D)
2. No food is allowed at the viewing site (except water).
3. No camping is allowed at the viewing site.

13.1222(a) Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated camping areas

Camping is authorized at the Brooks Camp Campground only.

13.1226 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated route through Brooks Falls closure

A map showing the designated route is available at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center.

13.1228 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated facilities and conditions for food storage

All fish caught and retained within the BCDA must be immediately placed in a plastic bag (available at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center) and carried directly to the Fish Freezing building located adjacent to the Brooks Lodge Office. This includes fish caught below the bridge in the Brooks River, along the Naknek Lake beach and at the Beaver Pond.

General food storage facilities are provided at Brooks Campground, Lake Brooks, and Naknek Lake.

13.1232 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated areas for washing dishes or cooking utensils

Washing dishes or cooking utensils at locations other than the water spigot near the food cache in the Brooks Campground or other designated areas is prohibited.

13.1238 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated area in employee housing for picnicking

At the Lake Brooks Housing area, the outdoor propane grill between housing units BL1 and BL2 may be utilized to prepare food and food may be consumed on attached porches of BL1, BL2.

At the Brooks Camp Housing area, the outdoor propane grill adjacent to the Incinerator Building may be utilized to prepare food and food may be consumed on any porch directly attached to a cabin/tent frame.

At no time may food preparation or consumption occur in any other housing location or may food/drinks be left unattended for any length of time; even in designated locations.

13.1240 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): designated equipment caches for leaving property unattended

Brooks Camp Developed Area

Leaving property, other than motorboats and planes unattended for any length of time within the BCDA is prohibited. This prohibition includes unsecured items within open and accessible areas of motorboats and planes.

Property may be left secured and unattended at the Brooks Lodge Porch, Brooks Campground, or designated equipment caches at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center and Lake Brooks Picnic Area. The Brooks Lodge Office Porch is also designated as an area where property may be left unattended pursuant to section 13.45(c).

13.1242 Brooks Camp Developed Area (BCDA): closures and restrictions

No closures and restrictions.

43 CFR, PART 36 TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS (Access Regulations)

36.11(c) Temporary closures to the use of snowmachines for traditional activities

No closures at present.

See also 2.18.

36.11(d) Temporary closures to the use of motorboats

No closures at present.

See also 3.3, 3.6.

36.11(e) Temporary closures to the use of non-motorized surface transportation

No closures at present.

See also 2.16, 3.3, 3.6.

36.11(f)(1) Temporary closures to landing fixed-wing aircraft

No closures at present.

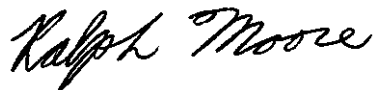
36.11(f)(3)(ii) Established procedure for salvaging and removing downed aircraft

A permit is required from the Superintendent before downed aircraft may be salvaged and removed from the NPS lands; violation of the terms and conditions of the permit is prohibited.

This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources, provide for public safety, and minimize impacts on visitors.

36.11(g)(2) Use of off-road vehicles (ORV) on existing trails

No designated trails. See also 4.10.



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Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Food Storage

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, §§ 1.5(c) and 2.10(d), the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined that in order to protect public safety and prevent adverse impacts to wildlife, conditions are placed on storage of food, garbage, harvested fish, and equipment used to cook or store food throughout the park.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

1. Wildlife in a natural ecosystem are adapted to subsist on natural foods. Obtaining human food may adversely affect behavior of individuals and the health of wildlife populations. Because natural processes are expected within NPS areas, wildlife should not obtain food from people.
2. Both black and brown bears are common throughout parklands and are readily attracted to even small quantities of human food. They are very curious and intelligent, and will commonly open or enter containers, tents, and structures.
3. Bears are extremely susceptible to conditioning to human food sources. Once they have learned to associate a site or item (e.g. tent, kayak, boat, etc.) with acquisition of food, they may return to that source repeatedly for further food rewards.
4. It does not matter whether the material is fresh, dry, powdered, canned, etc. Once a curious bear has obtained a positive food reward, it will return and / or continue to seek out further rewards in similar situations.
5. Due to the transfer of knowledge from sows to cubs and the long life span of individual bears, young bears exposed to human foods may display unnatural and unacceptable behavior for decades.
6. Bears which become conditioned to human food are likely to be killed by humans in defense of life or property inside the parklands or on adjacent lands.
7. Humans are at risk of injury or death when bears attempt to obtain food from tents, packs, vessels, or other similar areas.

The reasons less restrictive measures will not be effective are as follows:

1. Educational efforts regarding proper food storage and disposal of food and garbage have been undertaken by state and federal agencies in Alaska and in other western states for many years. These efforts have undoubtedly reduced food conditioning and wildlife/human conflicts.
2. Recognizing that variations in the environment and recreational activities require multiple food storage options, NPS managers have undertaken the following to assist visitors and make these conditions less onerous by making bear resistant containers (BRCs) available at NPS headquarters and field locations.
3. Despite these efforts, NPS managers repeatedly encounter situations in which food or garbage is improperly stored throughout the parklands.
4. The food storage conditions under this section allow for a wide variety of storage options, including free loans of portable BRC units, to make compliance less onerous.

5. We have considered the use of the State of Alaska regulations which prohibit intentionally or negligently feeding wildlife or leaving human food, pet food, or garbage in a manner that attracts wildlife. While NPS officers cannot enforce this state regulation directly, the NPS considered this language for the compendium. Given the NPS mandate to protect wildlife, the NPS prefers a proactive approach designed to prevent wildlife from obtaining food from humans, intentionally or unintentionally.
6. Given the lack of complete compliance with educational efforts, the flexibility in compliance options, and the effort made by park managers to provide free equipment to promote compliance, these conditions are the least restrictive required to fulfill the parklands mission of protecting wildlife and human safety.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Backcountry Camping

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, §§13.25 and 13.50(d), the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined that the core area of Hallo Bay Meadows must be closed to camping from April through October to prevent conflicts with bears and visitors at prime feeding sites that attract bears and bear viewers.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

1. There is an increasing demand, and corresponding increase in visitation, to view bears in Hallo Bay Meadows.
2. HalloBay Meadows is the preferred camping location for bear viewers as it is a primary access point for visitors arriving by boats and floatplanes.
3. Bears heavily use this area to feed on fish, clams and sedges during this specific time frame.
4. To minimize displacement of bears from these critical feeding sites, prevent user group conflicts, and reduce bear/human confrontations in camp situations.
5. The park lacks appropriate resources to establish designated sites or a registration system for this area.

The *managerialresult* of this restriction is as follows:

1. The area closed to camping will be limited to the core meadow areas.
2. The duration of the closure will be from April 1st to October 31st.
3. The closure will be established in a manner that makes camping areas available on the periphery of the meadows and near primary access points providing reasonable access for day use by campers.
4. Other management options were considered including camping by permit or registration only, designated sites, and management zones; however, they were found to be more restrictive than necessary to achieve the stated purpose.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Conditions for removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 1.5(c) and 3.14(a), the Superintendent is requiring a permit before sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels may be removed from the preserve if the operator is unable to do so without risking damage to resources or endangering public safety.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

- This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources, provide for public safety, and minimize impacts on visitors.

The reasons less restrictive measures will not be effective are as follows:

- How to protect resources, public safety, and minimize visitor impact when removing a disabled vessel needs to be addressed on a case by case basis since the circumstances involved in each incident is unique. A permit allows the NPS and the boater maximum flexibility to address the specific circumstances at hand when removing disabled, grounded or sunken vessels.

Determination of Need for Opening of Park Areas to Fires

Subject: Designation of areas and conditions open to the lighting and maintaining of fires

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 2.13 (a)(1), the lighting or maintaining of a fire is prohibited except within designated areas and under conditions established by the Superintendent.

The reasons for this designation are as follows:

- The park recognizes that the construction and use of personal campfires is common to backcountry travel within Katmai National Park and Preserve.
- The park wishes to make the lighting the maintaining of personal campfires a permitted practice within the designated size limits of not more than 2 feet in diameter.
- The park areas of LakeCamp and the BCDA will remain closed to fires except as provided for in designated receptacles.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- The threat of wildfires is generally not a significant concern based on the vegetation types and weather patterns commonly found in the area.
- The building and maintaining of fires in parks areas has been occurring for a long time and impacts have been found.
- Restrictions on the allowed size of fires will provide an increased level of protection to park resources and decrease the burn damage to organic soils.
- Continued restrictions at LakeCamp and the BCDA provide for the continued protection of park residents and visitors as well as both park visitor and business facilities.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Fires: designated areas and conditions

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and 2.13(a)(1) the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined:

Areas throughout the park are designated as open to fires may not exceed 2 feet in diameter.

The reasons for this designation are as follows:

- The park recognizes that the construction and use of personal campfires is common to backcountry travel within Katmai National Park and Preserve.
- The park wishes to make the lighting and/or maintaining of personal campfires an authorized practice within the designated size limits of not more than 2 feet in diameter.
- The park areas of LakeCamp and the BCDA will remain closed to fires except as provided for in designated receptacles.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- The threat of wildfires is generally not a significant concern based on the vegetation types and weather patterns commonly found in the area.
- The building and maintaining of fires in parks areas has been occurring for a long time and impacts have been found.
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- Continued restrictions at LakeCamp and the BCDA provide for the continued protection of park residents and visitors as well as both park visitor and business facilities.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Fires: Load weight and size limits: permit requirements and restrictive conditions

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 4.11(a) the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined:

A permit is required for the use of any passenger vehicle with an 11-foot wheel base and trailer of more than 20-feet, or vehicle/trailer combination when the vehicle has over a 12-foot wheelbase at the Lake Camp facility.

The reason for this restriction is as follows:

- The LakeCamp access road and ramp were designed for a passenger vehicle with maximum 11-foot wheel base and trailer of no more than 20-feet. Any vehicle with a wheel base of over 12-feet will reportedly have trouble making the turn. Vehicle/trailer combinations beyond these specifications have proven to cause damage to the roadway and limit other public access while attempting to navigate the corners.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- Uses of these facilities by larger vehicles/trailers have caused damage in prior occasions. A permit for vehicles and/or trailers exceeding the stated measurements allow the park to assist individuals with launching and trailering boats while ensuring resource protection, personal safety, and full public access to the boat launching facility.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Load weight and size limits: permit requirements and restrictive conditions

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations 4.11(a) the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined:

A permit is required for motorized non-government use of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Road between April 1 and October 31.

The reason for this restriction is as follows:

- The single vehicle road width, minimal visibility, nonexistent communication and continued operation of contracted construction equipment make private use of the road unsafe.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- Unrestricted, non-government motor vehicle use is not safe due to narrow road width, limited visibility, and construction activity.
- Use by permit only allows the park to control the time, place, and manner of use while ensuring the users safety.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Temporary closures and restrictions to camping

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations 3.25(a) the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined:

Camping is prohibited in the core Hallo Bay Meadows as shown in Appendix C from April 1st through October 31st.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

- This restriction is intended to prevent conflicts with bears and visitors at prime feeding sites that attract bears and bear viewers while providing for overnight camping in the area.
- Primary use of this area is by day-use visitors.
- Annual changes in vegetation growth times and food availability can affect when bears rely on the meadow area.
- Maintaining a regular area of overnight/extended human occupancy provides consistency to bears using the area and limits the spread of camping impact on vital meadow resources.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- Less restrictive dates do not account for changes in resource conditions or use by bear populations for critical food availability.
- Day use continues to make up the majority of visitation past mid-July when bears are still utilizing meadow resources. Camping outside of the meadow area continues to enhance viewing opportunities and limit injury to meadow habitat.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Picnicking-areas where prohibited or otherwise restricted

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations 13.26 the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve has determined:

No restrictions at present. See 13.1238 for restrictions in Brooks Camp Developed Area.

Picnicking is defined as the consumption or preparation of any food items (other than water). Food items include any substance intended for human consumption.

The reasons for this clarification are as follows:

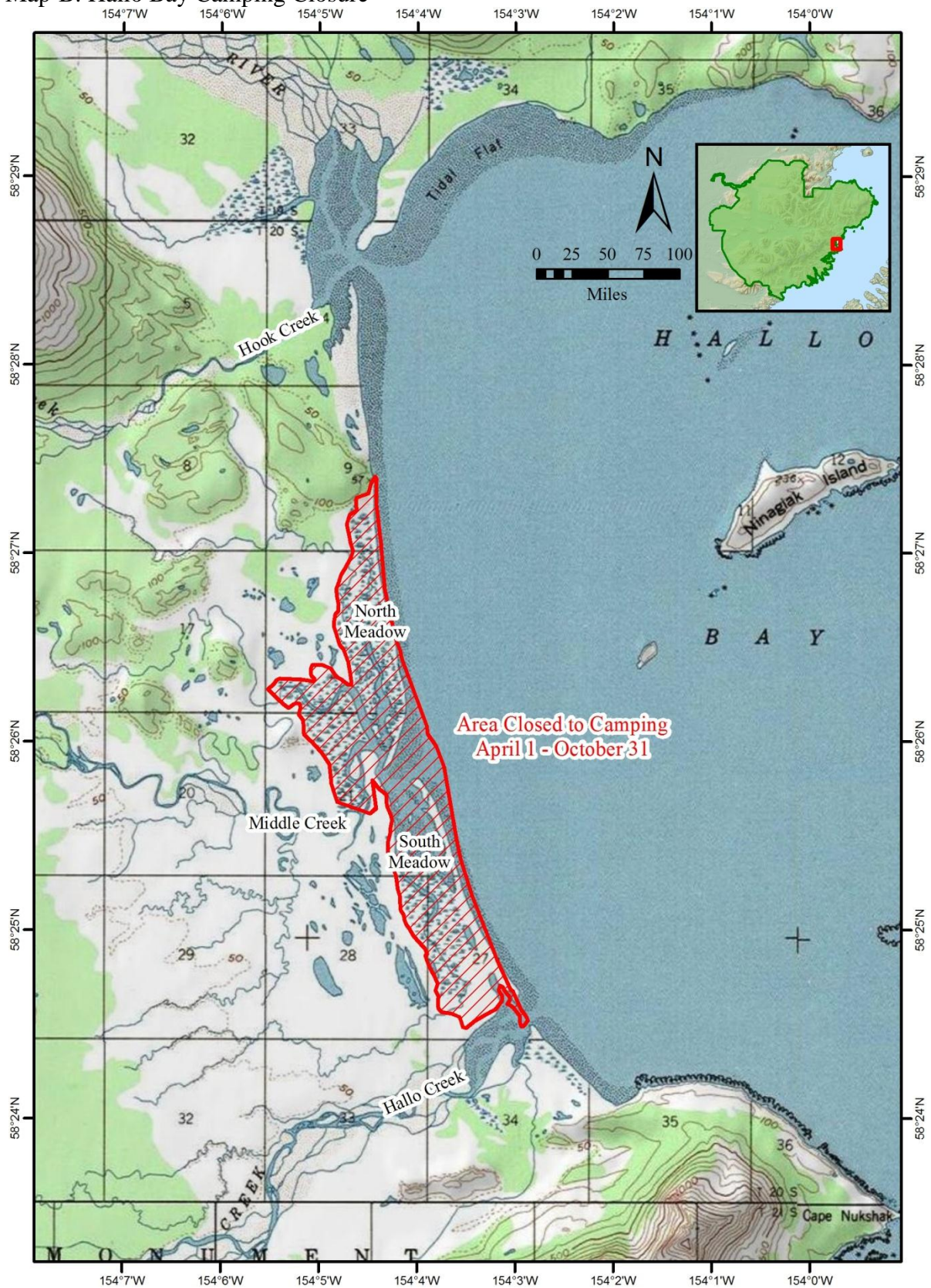
- Current regulations are written using the term “picnicking” which has varying definitions.
- Variations in definition do not allow for consistent understanding of the regulation by visitors and leads to inconsistent enforcement over time.
- Clarifying the term “picnicking” provides clarity to the regulation for all visitors, users and employees of the park.

Map A: Brooks Camp Developed Area
Katmai National Park and Preserve Compendium



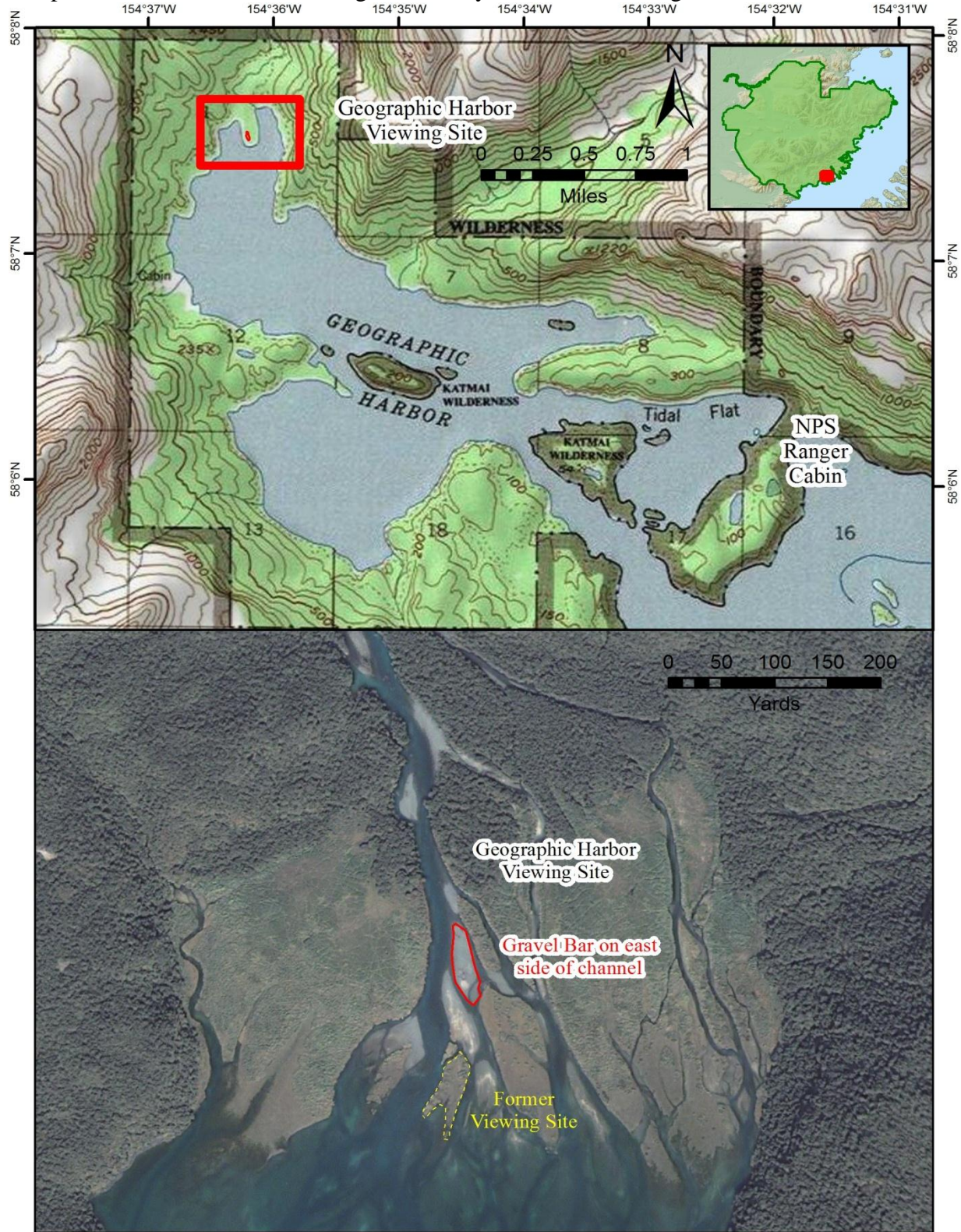
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Map-B: Hallo Bay Camping Closure



Map – C:

Red circle with text on lower map defines the viewing location subject to the Superintendent's exception to 36 CFR 13.1206, being within 50 yards of a bear using a concentrated food source.



Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Possession and retention of fish in the Brooks River

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 1.5(f) Closures and Public Use Limits and 2.3(c) Fishing, the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve is closing the Brooks River to retention or possession of all fish species. From the outlet of Brooks Lake downstream to the bridge at Brooks Camp, fish of all species may not be possessed or retained year-round. All fish must be released immediately.

The reasons for this restriction are as follows:

1. State law supports this closure through its 2009 Sport Fishing Regulations Summary for Bristol Bay Drainages.
2. Administrative errors within the Alaska Fish and Game regulations require the park to implement a temporary closure in order to properly enforce current summary language.
3. There is a unique need at Brooks Camp to ensure the separation of bears and visitors within the Brooks River area upstream of the bridge.
4. Any fish retained and possessed upstream of the bridge presents a significant danger to the fisherman due to the high concentration (up to 80+ bears) along the river corridor.
5. To minimize the opportunity for bears to recognize humans as a food source by getting people to drop or abandon retained fish.

The *managerial result* of this restriction is as follows:

1. The park closure will precisely follow that of the 2009 Alaska Sport Fishing Summary.
2. No change to past enforcement actions will occur based on this closure.
3. The closure is established in a manner that allows for the State to make administrative corrections during the 2009-2010 regulatory year to the Alaska Fish and Game laws.

Determination of Need for a Restriction, Condition, Public Use Limit, or Closure

Subject: Wildlife Distance Conditions, viewing protocol at Geographic Harbor

Pursuant to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 13.1206 wildlife distance conditions, the Superintendent of Katmai National Park and Preserve formalizing a wildlife viewing protocol at Geographic Harbor.

13.1206 Wildlife distance conditions

Within the area designated as Geographic Harbor, at the outlet of Geographic Creek, wildlife viewing within 50 yards of a bear utilizing a concentrated food source may only occur from the designated site at the outlet of Geographic Creek, under the limits of the following protocol which applies from April 1 through October 31:*

1. All viewers must consistently utilize the same identified site (see Map-C)
2. No food is allowed at the viewing site (except water).
3. No camping is allowed at the viewing site.

The reasons for this protocol are as follows:

- The park recognizes that bear viewing at Geographic Harbor is limited by tidal conditions to a specific area at the mouth of Geographic Creek.
- Regular use of this viewing site has been occurring for over 15 years making human presence at the site consistent and predictable by bears.
- The park recognizes that use of this viewing area places the visitor/guide in violation of a wildlife distance restriction when bears are fishing in the creek.

The reasons less restrictive methods will not be effective are as follows:

- The park recognizes that having multiple access routes to the general area and viewing practices at Geographic Creek reduces the consistency of human presence; thereby creating unacceptable human-bear interactions.
- The absence of this protocol places visitors and guides in violation of wildlife distance regulations.

** This protocol does not restrict access to any other location within Geographic Harbor. Visitors and commercial operators may access and view wildlife from all other areas of the harbor but must maintain the required 50 yard distance from bears feeding on spawning salmon or other concentrated food source.*